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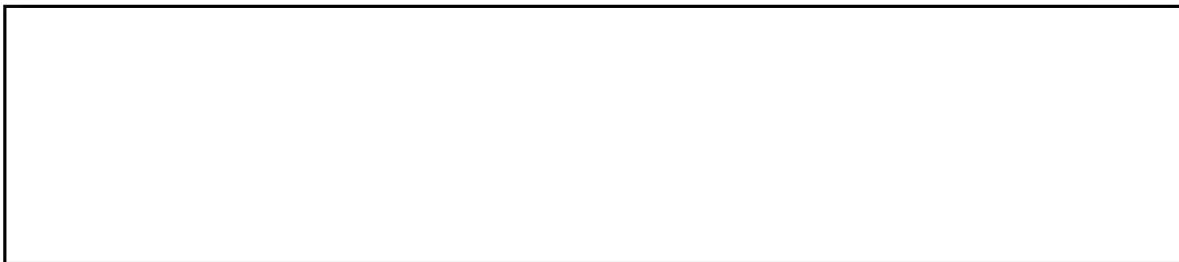
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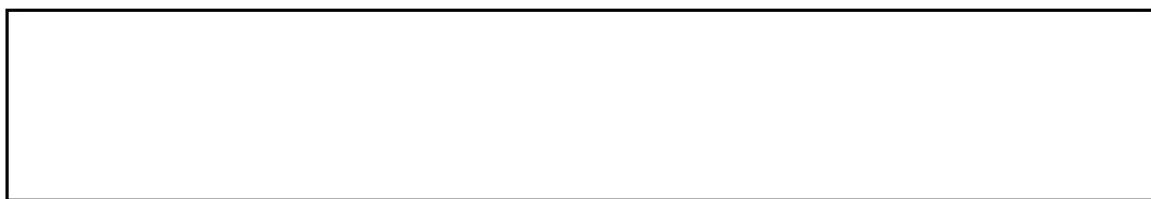
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## EASTERN EUROPE

6. Titoist movement uncovered in Czech Communist Party:

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An official announcement of the arrest of former Foreign Minister Vladimir Clementis has appeared in the Czech press. At a special three-day session of the Central Committee of the Czech Communist Party, Clementis and four other members of the Central Committee were indicted for having organized a "widespread plot to gain control of the Party" and to "usurp the leadership of the State." In an address before the Central Committee, Czech President and Party Chairman Gottwald promised that "Czechoslovakia will not become a second Yugoslavia," called for greater vigilance on the part of the Party leadership, and reminded all Czechs to remain faithful to Stalin.

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Comment: The Central Committee's action confirms the existence of a long-suspected struggle for influence within the Czech Party. The recent intensification of this struggle probably reflects resistance within the Party to Soviet efforts to extend more effective control over the Czech economy.

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